LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

(a) GOVERNMENT BILLS

(1) The Cochin Agricultural Improvement Loans Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Mr. President Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Agricultural Improvement Loans Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

(2) The Cochin Tobacco Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Tobacco Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

(b) NON-OFFICIAL BILLS

(1) The Cochin Agriculturists' Relief Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Agriculturists' Relief Act (Amendment) Bill No. 2 be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam):* I second it.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I oppose the motion. And in this connection I have to state that no useful purpose will be served by reiterating the position taken up by the Government in the earlier stages of the introduction of the Bill. According to the House, I have failed to convince the reasonableness of the position taken by the Government. Therefore, I have only to record the opposition of the Government to this legislation at this final stage of the Bill.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I wish to state only one thing. The Bill seeks to apply the law to all men in the State. That is all it seeks to effect. If a law enacted in the State is not applicable to everybody in the State, I do not understand whether we are not justified in saying that there is one law for one man and a different law for another. In this Act, power has been given to the Government to exempt certain institutions. One of the biggest institutions in the State is the *Paliam Tarawad.* The Government

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